

Public Notice

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Please address all comments and inquiries to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District ATTN: Mr. Matt Dennis, CELRL-RDS, Rm 752 P.O. Box 59

Louisville, Kentucky 40201-0059

This notice announces an application submitted for a Department of the Army (DA) Permit, subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act:

APPLICANT: Richard Nath

CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT)

500 Water Street, J-275 Jacksonville, FL 32202

AGENT: Stan Rudzinski

Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

Phone: 502-315-6689

3800 Ezell Road, Ste. 100

Nashville, TN 37211

LOCATION: Sugar Camp Creek, unnamed tributaries to Sugar

Camp Creek, and adjacent wetlands in Webster

County, Kentucky

Latitude: 37.51159 Longitude: -87.4911

7.5 Minute Quad: Slaughters

PURPOSE: Construction of a siding track to increase

freight capacity of an existing railway line.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: CSXT is proposing to extend an existing siding track along the east side of their mainline. Construction would require the placement of soil and ballast on the east side and adjacent to the existing mainline track for a distance of approximately 3 miles to support the new rail siding. The additional track would be 15 feet off centerline of the existing mainline. Grading would extend approximately 30-50 feet from the centerline of the existing mainline track. Additionally, gravel access roads would be constructed along portions of the right-of-way for a single access.

Three crossings associated with one single and complete project propose impacts above the limits of the Nationwide Permit program. These crossing would impact a total of 50 linear feet (0.02 ac) of perennial stream (Sugar Camp Creek) 2,000 feet (1 acre) of

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intermittent stream (UT-2) and 0.92 acre of Palustrine emergent wetland (Wetland 2).

AVOIDANCE, MINIMIZATION, AND MITIGATION MEASURES: CSXT has avoided impacts to wetlands and streams by steepening proposed fill slopes where practicable and utilizing and extending existing culverts. The CSXT is utilizing its existing right-of-way and proposing to construct the new siding track adjacent and parallel to the existing track; thereby, minimizing the amount of fill required for the new roadbed.

Impacts to 2,000 linear feet of an unnamed tributary to Sugar Camp Creek (UT-2) are proposed from filling and relocation of the channel. This stream flows parallel to the existing railroad embankment for approximately 2,000 feet along the east side of the track, and approximately 6,700 feet along the west side of the track within the project area. Due to engineering constraints, the applicant has stated it is not practicable to construct the new roadbed on alternating sides of the existing track, and therefore impacts to the unnamed tributary cannot be completely avoided.

The applicant has proposed to mitigate for unavoidable impacts through an in-lieu fee payment to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Stream and Wetland Mitigation Fund.

It is noted that this proposed mitigation plan is open to comment and subject to change. The Corps will make a determination of appropriate mitigation, upon review of all submitted information.

REVIEW PROCEDURES: A DA Permit cannot be issued if any legally required Federal, State, or local authorization or certification is denied. A DA permit, if otherwise warranted, will not be issued until a State of Kentucky Water Quality Certification or waiver is on file at this office. In order to comply with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, the applicant must apply for State certification from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet Division of Water (KDOW).

Copies of this notice are sent to the appropriate Federal and State Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Their views and comments are solicited in accordance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956. Based on available information, the proposed activity will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act, and therefore, initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. A request for a public hearing must state the specific interest which might be damaged by issuance of the DA Permit.

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The National Register of Historic Places has been examined, and it has been determined that there are no properties currently listed on the Register which would be directly affected by the proposed work. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archaeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetic values, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the needs and welfare of the public. In addition, the evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines (40 CFR Part 230) promulgated by the Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the CWA.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. It is presumed that all interested parties and agencies will wish to respond; therefore, a lack of response will be interpreted as meaning that there is no objection to the proposed project. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Written statements received in this office on or before the closing date will become a part of the official record and will be considered in the determination on this permit request. Any objections which are received during this period will be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue

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or deny the requested DA Permit. A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest.

Information pertaining to this application is available for public examination during normal business hours upon prior request. Drawings are available on Louisville District's Internet site at http://www.lrl.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx. All comments regarding this proposal should be addressed to Mr. Matt Dennis, CELRL-RDS at the address noted above and should refer to the Public Notice Number LRL-2016-935-mad.

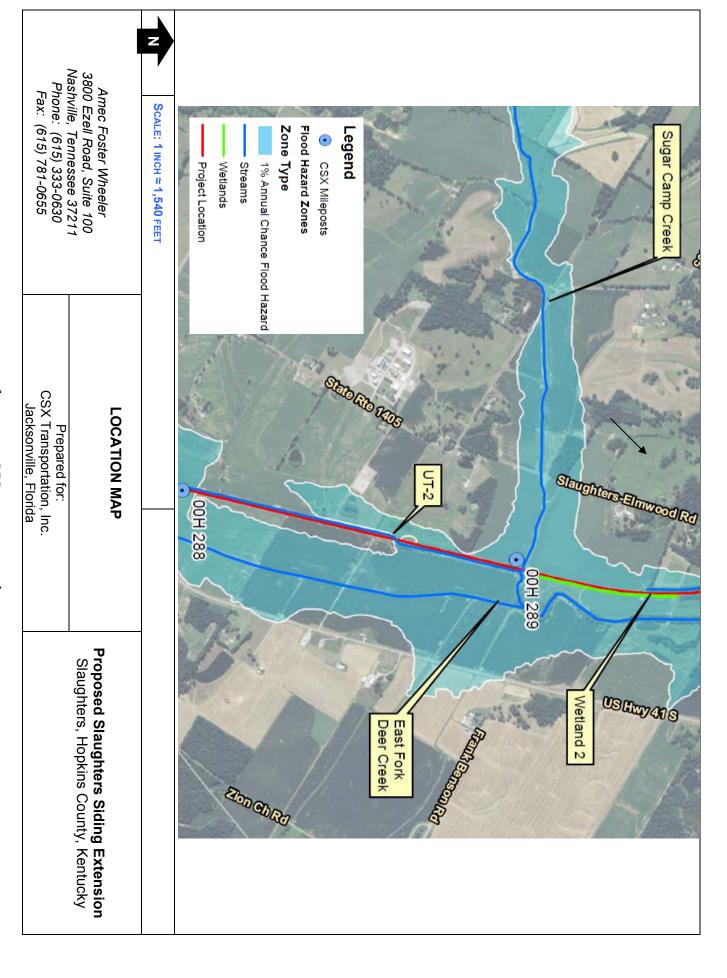
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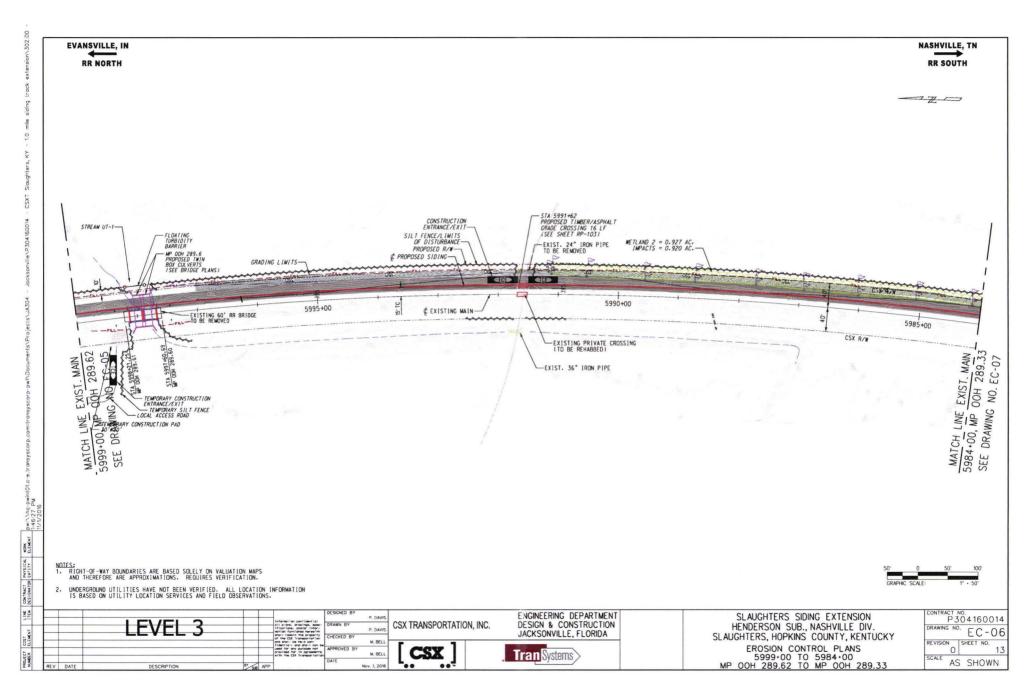
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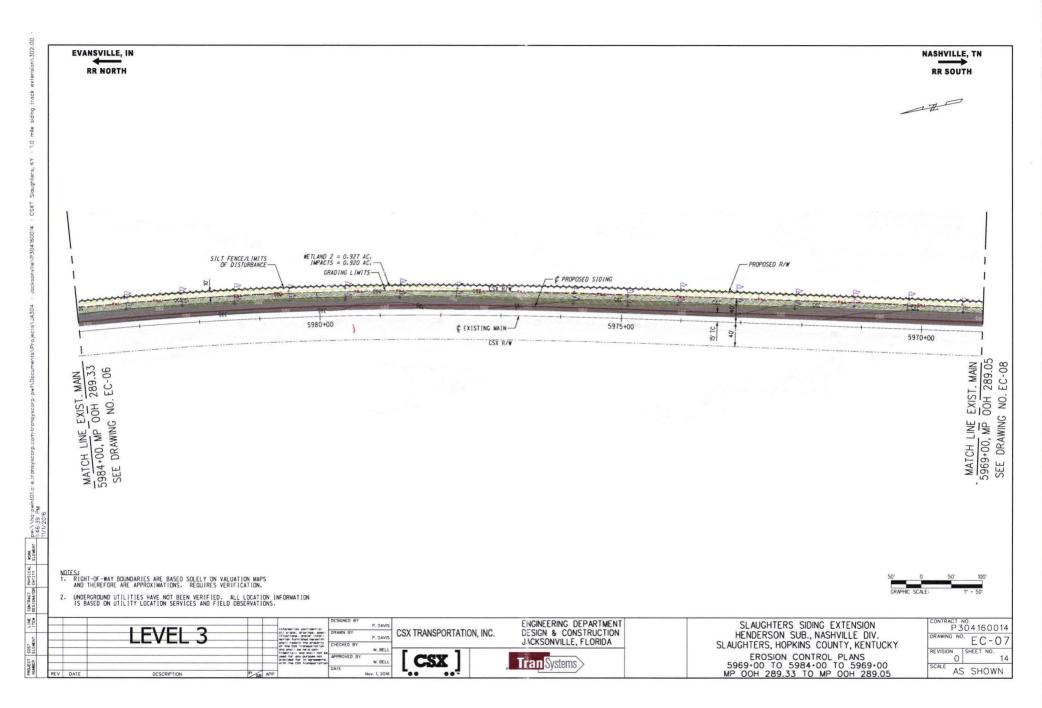
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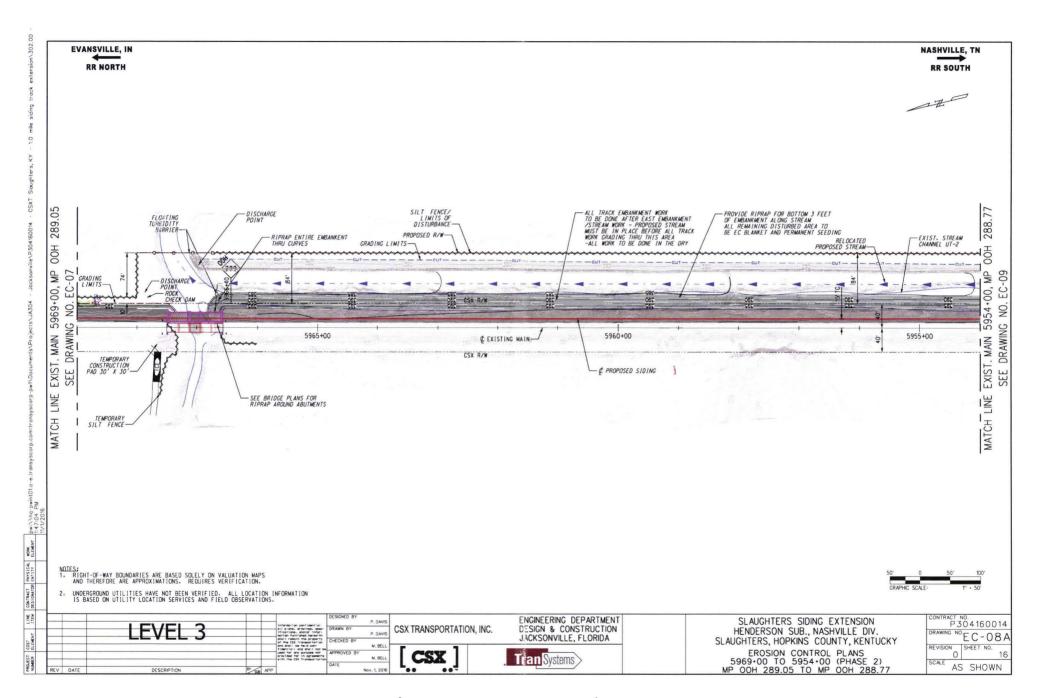
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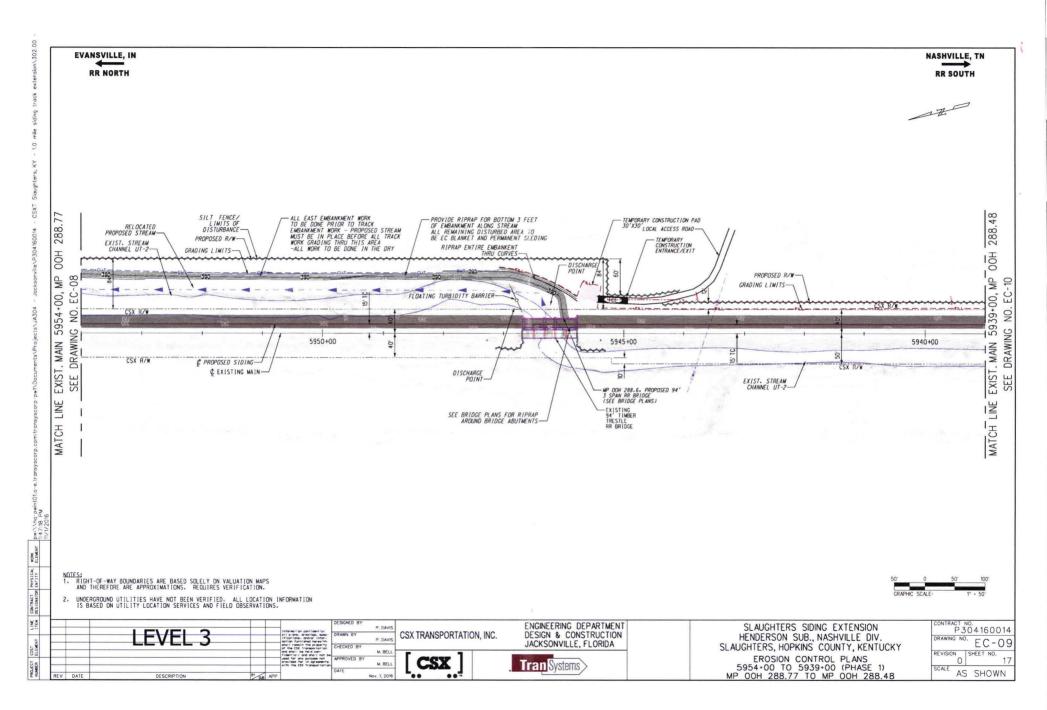
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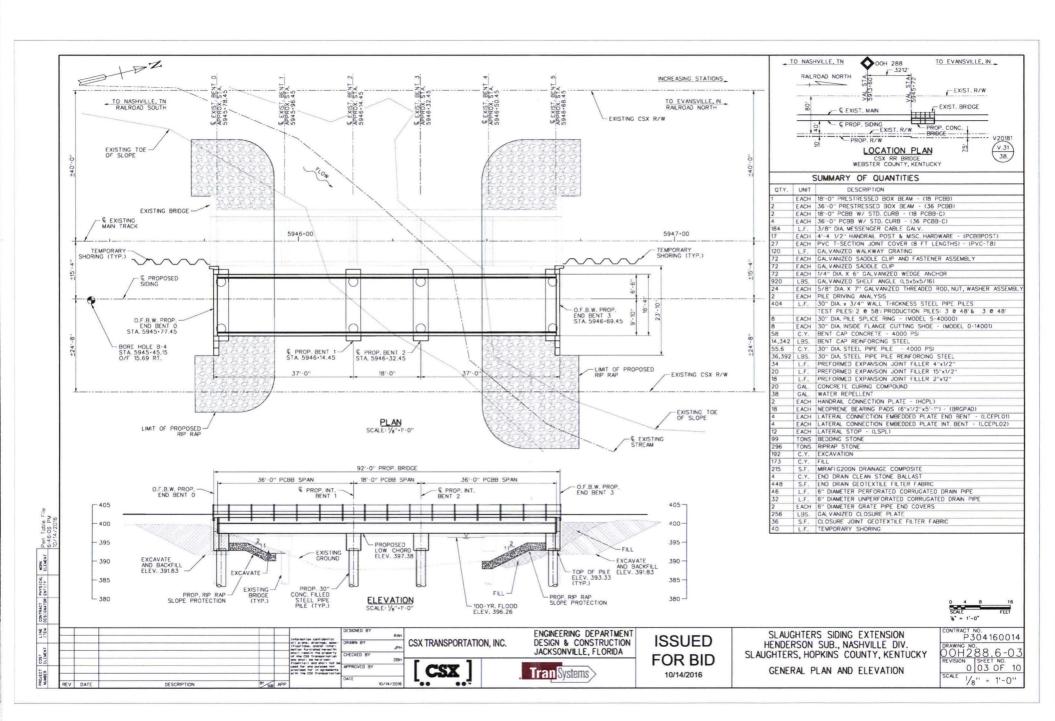












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